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We'll read an interesting story on the history and coinage of Lundy Island by Virginia Armstrong in the February issue of **TNA NEWS.**

5th REMEMBER . The of February is the deadline for the March issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

Dues for 1974 are now due and if you have not paid yours please do so at once. TNA is on the grow and I know you want to be a part of it. TNA is THE LARGEST ASSOCIATION in the southwest and we need to get larger in order to meet our responsibilities to the numismatists in this vast area.

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Time for entry of your exhibit for the A. I. MARTIN MEMORIAL award "The Spirit of the Old West" has nearly expired. Have you shown your exhibit? For several years, one of our Life Members, Harvey Bruns, has been providing a beautiful award for the best Mexican exhibit shown at TNA conventions since there are many collectors of Mexican coins in Texas. I do hope we have several outstanding exhibits in this category. We also have the WM. PHILPOTT award for the best currency display; and now we have a new special award the DAVENPORT NUMISMATIC ERROR award. Your exhibit can be entered into any classification just so it has error items.

Again this year OIN will participate jointly with TNA in the educational forum. Our own David Cervin of Amarillo will be the speaker for TNA but at this writing, OIN has not announced the name of their guest or the subject. To a dedicated numismatist, this 90-minute event should be a must on the convention agenda.

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We attended two district meetings in November. Keith Johnson, District 4 governor, and I met for a session with the Temple Coin Club as host. Attendance, interest and hospitality were execellent. The Port Isabel Coin Club was host to a District 14 meeting with L. G. Davenport, governor, in charge. This meeting began Saturday evening with a dinner party in Mexico. Pate and I were guests of Wally and Miriam Gilmore with several club members in attendance. On Sunday, before the afternoon meeting, we were guests at luncheon hosted by the Port Isabel club on South Padre Island. About 30 members of the Valley clubs were present and then we journeyed into Port Isabel for the official meeting.

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Numismatically, there has not been too much activity for me; we worked about 70 hours per week during the Christmas shopping season -but we have to make a living. Can't all be fun!

Lettering, devices, etc., sunk below the surface of a coin are said to be "incused" on the planchet. A restrike is a coin struck at the mint (usually without authority) from coining dies used in previous years.

NEW SWEDEN REMEMBERED

BY J. P. JONES
Waco, Texas

The celebration of the Tercentenary of the landing of the Swedes and Finns in Delaware was certainly a milestone for numismatists—it marked the only time a foreign country joined the United States in striking a commemorative coin celebrating an event of importance in the history of both countries.

As a gesture of friendship and in remembrance of the tiny settlement that linked our two countries, Sweden, in 1938, issued a 2-kroner coin commemorating the founding of New Sweden. The coin was designed by Eric Lindberg and was struck in .800 fine silver with a mintage of 508,815. Unlike its American counterpart, the Swedish coin was struck for circulation.

The ship Kalmar Nyckel (Key of Kalmar) appears on the reverse of the Swedish coin; the coin itself is unique in the Swedish series in that the inscription is in Latin rather than Swedish. The obverse bears an effigy of the king with his name and title "Gustavus V Rex." The inscription on the reverse "Nova Suecia-Suecia Memor" freely translates to "Sweden Recalls New Sweden."

As was the case with several other commemorative coins, the U.S. provided for and struck the Delaware Tercentenary half dollar far in advance of the celebration, which was held in the summer of 1938 in Wilmington.

On May 5, 1936, Congress authorized the striking of a minimum of 25,000 half dollars commemorating the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Swedes and Finns in Delaware. In March 1937, the entire coinage of 25,015 was struck at the Philadelphia mint. The coin was designed by the German-American artist Carl L. Schmitz who received only $500 for his work.

The obverse of the U.S. coin is the Kalmar Nyckel, the design being taken from a photograph of an accurate scale model obtained from Sweden. Holy Trinity, Old Swedes, Church of Wilmington appears on the reverse of the coin. Although the structure pictured was not built until 1698, Holy Trinity was founded in 1638 and is the oldest church in the U.S. now standing as originally built and regularly used for religious services. Originally Lutheran, it became an Episcopal church in 1791.

The commission sold the coin through their agent, The Equitable Trust Co. of Wilmington with 20,993 coins sold at $1.75 each. The balance of 4,022 coins were returned to the mint and melted down.

The Kalmar Nyckel was the largest of the two ships which transported a company of about 50 colonists under the command of Peter Minuit to the New World. The ship was approximately 90 tons and 115 feet in length.

On March 29, 1638, after a long and hazardous voyage, they cast anchor at a natural warf or rocks at what is now Port Christina State Park in Wilmington. A monument of black Swedish granite designed by the Swedish sculptor Carl Miles and given by the children of Sweden to the state of Delaware in 1938, marks the spot of that historical landing. On April 8, they purchased from the Minquas Indians, for an unknown

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The Earliest Anno Domini Dated Coins

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Part 11: Aachen, the Cradle of Dated Coins

Dave Cervin

When one is thinking about the very earliest dated coins, the name of Aachen comes first to mind. Nevertheless the honor of striking the very first dated coin (and we are always speaking of Anno Domini, or Christian Era in this series,) does not go to Aachen; rather, it goes to Niels Stigsen, Bishop of Roskilde (Denmark) who struck the first dated coin in 1234. The story centering about this early coin is a most fascinating one, and it will be the subject of a separate paper at an early date.

Aachen did strike the second coin bearing a date, 1372, but, curiously, the neighboring principality of Schoonvorst & Sichem also struck one this same year. So Aachen is only in a tie for second. Then why, pray tell, has Aachen inherited the title of "Cradle of Dated Coins?" Well, there is a logical answer. Two hundred and forty-four years were to elapse before the second dated coin was struck in the Nordic area, a silver penny issued by Sten Sture of Sweden in 1478. As for Schoonvorst & Sichem, they waited a mere 18 years, or 1390 before issuing their second dated coin. They proceeded to strike a few more late in the fourteenth century, but pretty well abstained during the fifteenth century.

Now the same cannot be said for Aachen. Having struck their first in 1372, they continued with new dates in 1373, 1374 and 1375. This is, of course, the first series of dated coins, which alone gives them some claim to "cradle of dated coins." They then desisted from dating coins un-

Key to Boldface letters and numbers

A	A	Ma	M	Nb	N	4b	4
C	C	Mb	M	Nc	N	4c	X
E	E	Mc	M	R	R	4d	4
H	H	Md	M	2	Z	5	5
K	K	Na	N	4a	4	7	7

FIGURE 2 — Where the text has Boldface letters or numbers, the mediaeval equivalent may be found from this tabulation. It will be repeated with each future article.

til 1402 when they ran off a continuous series through 1406. During 1407 and 1408 none were struck, but a third set occurred from 1409 thru 1413. Again we hit a void for the years 1414, 1415, 1416 and 1417, but another uninterupted series occurs from 1418 to 1422 inclusive. It should be mentioned here that no country other than the three already mentioned struck dated coins until 1424. Thus we see that Aachen is truly the birthplace of dated coins and richly deserves the title of "Cradle of Dated Coins."

These four series of Aachen coins may be conveniently divided into the size of the cross they bear: long, medium, or short. And here it may be pointed out that nearly all mediaeval coins of this period (15th, 14th and 13th centuries) had some sort of a cross on them. For that matter multiple crosses were not infrequent. And even in those few cases where the cross is not in evidence, the religious tone of the coin is so strong that a feeling of the cross is there.

The three crosses of Aachen coins are:

DATES	SIZE OF CROSS
1372-1375	Long Cross
1402-1406	Medium Cross
1409-1422	Short Cross

(None struck from 1414-1417)

An example of the long cross is shown by **Figure 34**, the medium cross by **Figure 35**, and the short cross by **Figure 36**. These are meant for casual observation only for this month's study. There is, of course, far more to it than that, as we shall

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FIGURE 34—1374 Aachen, illustrating the LONG CROSS. Note that the long cross reaches the extremity of the coin and therefore crosses both the inner and outer legend. FIGURE 35—1402 Aachen, illustrating the MEDIUM CROSS. Observe that the medium cross extends to the outer legend and crosses only the inner legend. FIGURE 36—1412 Aachen, illustrating the SHORT CROSS. Finally note that the short cross reaches, but does not cross, the inner legend.

THE ERRORS OF MY WAY

— A NEW FIELD —

Researched, Discussed & Presented
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L. G. Davenport

While attending Error - A - Rama '73, it was my good fortune and pleasure to meet and discuss mint errors with one of the most knowledgeable men in the field today, Alan Herbert. He is best known for his column "Odd Corner" in Numismatic News, but also writes a column in "Errorgram" (weekly newsletter for collectors of numismatic errors) and is in the process of releasing a book about errors. Among other things he is executive secretary for CONE, authenticator for CONE and the BIE Guild, etc.

For several years I have been corresponding with Alan, but had not met him until the 1973 event. I had been very impressed with him through contact by correspondence and his writings in NN and Errorgram, but was even more impressed after our talks in California.

Alan is probably the foremost expert on die errors yet to appear upon the scene. The past several months he has very actively researched several die errors I would like to discuss this month. They are hubbing errors, particularly dual hubs, and mis-punched mint marks.

Let's discuss mis-punched mint marks first. Very few collectors are aware of the scarcity of these die errors, and many are only vaguely aware that they even exist. Only in the past few years has any attention been given to mint mark errors outside of the error field, and these are limited to dual-punch errors.

The first dual-punch mint mark to appear in Yeoman's "Red Book" was the 1938-D/S Buffalo nickel, and it makes no distinction between the varieties. How many people do you suppose know that one die was punched three times with a D mint mark over an already punched S mint mark" Yes—a D D/D/S 1938 nickel. There is also a D/D/S 1938 Buffalo. It took more than 25 years to discover the 1938 dual-punched Buffalo nickel.

Today we have a fair listing of dual-punched mint marks listed in the "Red Book." Two are in the Morgan dollar series. Again, they are not listed by die variety. Perhaps the most notable with multi-die varieties is the 1900-O/CC. There are at least six different varieties of this dual punched mint mark.

The "Red Book" also lists two dates of dual-punched mint marks in the Jefferson nickel series. They are the 1954 S/D and the 1955-D/S. These are the latest listings.

About two years ago, Mike Zumpher, an error dealer in Buffalo, N.Y., discovered a dual-punched mint mark on a Lincoln cent. It is the 1941-D/S. Since that time it has been discovered that there are at least two different die varieties. The "Red Book" has not listed these varieties yet.

The 1875-S/CC Trade dollar is listed in the "Red Book" with a $1500 price tag for an uncirculated specimen. This is by far the highest price

given a dual-punched mint marked coin. Other than this coin and the two types of 1944-D/S cents which have sold for $750 and $500 respectively in BU, all the others list for under $100 each. The 1900-O/CC dollar lists for $50 and a set of the six different varieties should cost $300, but I bet plunking down the money would be easier than finding them to buy. The 1882-O/S has several known die varieties and is listed in the 1974 "Red Book" for a mere $16.50 in uncirculated.

Herbert feels that these coins are grossly underpriced for their scarcity in choice condition. I am inclined to agree, and feel as he does that once it is known and realized by the collecting public how truly scarce these coins are, they will realize much higher prices.

Dual-punched mint marks are probably not really mint errors. It is possible that an engraver could mistakenly use two different punches for two different mints, but I am inclined to believe that economy rather than error was the cause. Dies punched for a particular mint are wasted if they are not needed at that mint unless they can be converted for use at a mint that needs them. It is much more economical to repunch a mint mark than to make new dies outright.

Let's imagine that we are employed at the Philadelphia mint assigned with the responsibility of supplying dies to the various mints in the year of 1938. Denver needs dies to strike five-cent pieces early in the year, but not enough are available with the proper mint mark. As usual, dies are prepared for a particular year at the end of the year just prior to it, but 1938 brought a design change in the five-cent piece. Apparently it was decided that Denver would continue with the old design until the newly designed dies could be made, or that the old design dies would be used up only at Denver. At any rate some reverse dies had been punched with an "S" mint mark and could not be used at Denver without changing the mint mark. The logical conclusion is to repunch these dies with a "D" mint mark and ship them to Denver. The results would not be easily noticeable nor effect the acceptability of the quality.

The economy angle seems more valid in the case of the 1938-D/S Buffalo nickel than the 1954-S/D Jefferson, but we have another situation in 1955 similar to 1938. Since no Jeffersons were minted in San Francisco in 1955, we could have an identical situation on having reverse dies already punched with a mint mark that was no longer to be used.

Rather than lose the use of the dies, they were probably intentionally re-punched with a "D" mint mark punch. Without going into detail, a strong case can be made for the 1944-D/S Lincoln cent being an intentional re-punching of dies for the sake of economy.

The truly mis-punched dies, in my opinion, are the multi-punched mint marks with the same punch. Although an error on a die will be reproduced with each striking of that die, multi-punched mint marks are in the vast minority when considering the total coinage of the past 160 years in the USA. I have no way of knowing the number of dies involved over the years, but Alan makes a guess of less than 300 in all denominations have multi-punched mint marks. It is truly remarkable that slightly over a third of that number occurred with the "D" mint mark in the Lincoln cent series between 1940 and 1969. Albert Kramer of New York has done considerable research and written a book, "Double 'D' Cent Guide," on the Lincoln cent

with multi-punched mint marks from the Denver mint.

Within the same series and time span there are other multi-punched mint marks from the San Francisco mint. To my knowledge to date, no one has released any research on them as did Kramer with the Denver cents.

I wonder how many of you are aware of double mint marks involving a horizontally-punched mint mark. There are several known specimens of this phenomena, and only one commands a price in excess of $2. It is the 1909 vertical over horizontal "S" cent. This is of course a key date in its series and brings a good price in its normal state.

Perhaps the best known vertical over horizontal mint marks is the 1951-D cent. This error can be bought (not from me) for less than $1.50. This remarkable error has happened once with dies of every denomination except the dollar and of course the cent that has four.

The Lincoln cent and Jefferson nickel series even have a vertical over horizontal, over horizontal mint mark. Yes, a triple-punched mint mark with two of the punches made horizontally. These are the 1959-D cent and the 1942-D nickel.

While on the subject of mint marks, it might be worthwhile to mention the size. There are several dies that have different sizes of mint marks with the same date. The 1945 micro "S" dime is the most notorious among them. The 1941 cent, nickel and dime dies were punched with two different size "S" mint mark punches. It was in that year that the size of the "S" was enlarged. From the studies I have made, I find the large mint marks are the scarcest. In addition, there are large over small mint marks with the 1934-D dime and an 1879-CC dollar.

It should be pointed out that some mint marks can be deceptive in appearance because of the manner in which they are punched. Since mint marks are put upon the die by a hand operation, the depth of the punch will not be uniform. The engraver is guided only by the appearance as he punched in the mint mark. If the mark is shallow, the result will be a very slightly smaller and thinner mint mark. If it is excessively deep, it will be fatter and slightly larger. Excessively deep punched mint marks sometimes appear to be doubled also, but actually are not.

Hand punching of mint marks not only produces dual mint marks, multi-punched mint marks, but also another variety of mis-punched mint marks. So far no name has been tagged to these kinds of errors. I suppose the best term would be mis-located mint marks. Using the Lincoln cent as an example, the mint mark should be located midway between the two center numbers in the date and beneath the date at a distance of approximately one-eighth of an inch. Generally, this is where the mint mark is located with only the slightest deviation, but occasionally a gross error of location is made when punching the mint mark.

There are some Lincoln cents that have mint marks touching one of the two center numbers in the date. There are others that have the mint mark situated extremely low and occasionally some are tilted one way or another.

Although these mis-located mint marks are interesting, most error collectors do not pay much attention to them unless they are extremely mis-located or tilted to an extreme degree. The variety of locations of mint marks are so numerous that assembling a collection could run into a tremendous amount.

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THE COLONIAL MINTS OF LATIN AMERICA

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Notes On Colonial Coinage Of Latin America

Brent Brown

For several years after the conquest of Mexico, gold and silver were the only New World products shipped to Spain in commercial quantities. The first major gush of New World gold to Spain lost its strength by the 1530's and during the last decade of the 1500's silver exports to Spain reached their height.

Before the opening of the Mexico City mint this gold and silver was shipped to Seville, Spain, in the form of crude bars, balls or discs. Upon arrival in Spain, these metals passed through accounting and customs offices and were then sent to the Seville mint. Some of the coins struck were shipped back to the New World to be used until the first New World mint began operations.

When mints were established in colonial Latin America a stable and uniform currency became a reality. This currency remained remarkably stable for almost three hundred years. Only twice was the coinage of Latin America legally reduced in size and content by the Edict of 1686 and by the Edict of 1772. Of course there were corrupt local officials who lowered the fineness of coins for their personal profit. The coins produced in all Spanish-held territories were almost identical and they circulated freely from one colony to another and were readily accepted by all inhabitants. It was not unusual to find a coin struck at Potosi circulating in Mexico City.

Despite the similarity of the coins struck at the New World mints, they are easily distinguished from each other by the mint mark, the date, the name of the king that appears in the legend of the coin, the coats of arms, the assayer's initials and by die varieties.

The monetary system of Spanish America was based on the real, originally an Italian gold coin of the Medieval period. In 1535, sixteen years after the conquest of the Aztecs, the value of a real was described as 3.43 grams of silver with a fineness of 0.93051. The silver real was divided into thirty-four maravedis. The maravedis was the smallest colonial coin. Eight silver reales equaled one silver peseta or a gold one-half escudo coin. Eight gold escudos equaled one onza, the highest monetary unit.

Spanish colonial mints issued a wide variety of coins. Gold was struck in the values of one half, one, two, four and eight escudos. Silver coins were minted with the values of one-quarter, one-half, one, two, four and eight reales. During the reign of Charles I and Johanna a silver three real piece was minted. This piece was only one or two millimeters smaller than the four real piece and it confused the natives. To help them recognize a three real piece

three dots were placed on the coins. However, this method of identification proved unsatisfactory and the three-real coin was discontinued. Copper two and four maravedis pieces were minted during the early years of Spanish control of Mexico but they were very unpopular with the Indians who considered copper a metal of poverty. These coins were also discontinued.

Basically two types of coins were produced in Latin America, the "cob" type and the milled type. The cob type derives its name from the Spanish phrase **cabo de barra**, which means "cut from the end of a bar." The milled type is characterized by a round planchet and a milled rim.

The technique of minting which produced the "cob" or **macuquina** coinage in the New World was first used at the mint in Mexico. Here, craftsmen followed the process prevailing in Europe. Refined metals were combined in a foundry to obtain the desired alloy. This alloy was hammered into flat sheets from which coin blanks were cut with metal shears. The approximately round coin blanks were placed between a fixed bottom die and a moveable top die. The top was then struck with a heavy blow from a hammer to stamp the desired design on the planchet and produce a coin. The planchets were usually heated before being stamped so that the striking process would be easier. Cobs that display a double or triple struck surface were the results of the bouncing of the hammer used in the minting process.

Cobs were characterized as very irregular lumps of silver sometimes struck so poorly that less than 30 per cent of the design was stamped on the planchet. For this reason only a small amount of cobs minted during the period from 1600 to 1732 carry dates. The main reason for the poorly struck cobs, as in the case of the mint in Mexico City, was that as the demand for a coined medium of exchange increased quality was sacrificed for quantity. Some cobs were so crudely struck that the denomination of the coin was determined by its size and weight.

The process of minting milled coins was introduced in Mexico in 1732 and in Guatemala in 1754. Milled coins were rapidly produced by the use of massive screw presses. The milled edge was added to these coins to discourage the filing of silver off of the edge of a coin. The milled coins are usually either described as "Pillar" coins or "Portrait" coins depending upon the design of the obverse.

The officals who operated the mints were at first court favorites of those who had done the crown a valuable service. Once an official was awarded a position he kept it for life. Often the individual who was granted a mint office remained in Spain while his assistants ran the mint and collected the owner of the title huge profits.

Beginning in 1565, five positions of the Mexico City mint, including those of assayer and engraver, went up for auction. This move was brought about partly because of the need of funds by the king. In 1607 the position of treasurer at the Mexico City mint went for $150,000 and later sold for $250,000.

Mint officials at first received no fixed salaries, instead mint profits were divided among those who worked in the mint in accordance to the importance of their positions. Mint personnel were free from many taxes and duties and holders of important positions were often given free residence in the mint. Beginning in 1732 mint officials were no longer paid from mint profits but instead re-

ceived a fixed salary.

Before 1732 the mints were considered private enterprizes by the crown and usually a single individual was responsible for establishing a mint. Mint officials were only restricted in their activities by current Royal decrees dealing with coins and minting. Officials did not even have to show production or profit figures to anyone not on the mint staff.

Some of the mint positions included: contrador (auditor), ensayador (assayer), fundidor (foundry master), superintendente (superintendent), balanzario (weight official), and acunador (coiner).

THE EARLIEST ANNO DOMINI —

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see in future studies in this series. However, it may be pointed out here that all of the coins illustrated are exceedingly rare, sometimes numbering only half a dozen as determined by a carefully made worldwide count. This will be expounded upon more fully in the future.

However, since we are discussing the size of the cross on Aachen coins, it will be interesting to see what other authorities say about this subject.

There are really just two writers to whom we can refer: A. R. Frey (1914) and J. Menadier (1913). Frey overlooks the middle cross, referring to the 1402-06 coins as "short cross groschens." Menadier makes no attempt at all to distinguish between any difference in the size of the crosses. He illustrates only two coins, a 1402 (medium cross) and a 1411 (short cross).

We may not be learning much in this series, but right now, at least on the subject of the size of Aachen crosses, we are more knowledgable than the two best known authorities in the field of early dated coins. Ours is probably no great accomplishment, but we may now, in all truth, call ourselves numismatists, and not just mere coin collectors.

THE ERRORS OF MY WAY —

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of coins.

Because of the length of the discussion of mint marks, we will examine hubbing errors at a later date—maybe next month.

Remember—an award for numismatic errors will be given at our next TNA convention in Houston. Now is the time to begin building your exhibit. Last month's column gives the details—so get busy and let's have some real competition in this new area of exhibiting in TNA.

Questions about numismatic errors are welcome, but please do not send coins unless prior arrangements have been made. A self-addressed, stamped envelope would also help. **HAPPY HUNTING!**

NEW SWEDEN REMEMBERED —

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sum of trinkets, the land that now comprises the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Although the population of New Sweden never exceeded more than 200 and it had a brief existence of only 17 years, probably more than any other colony, it left its mark on American history—for it was there that the Swedes built the first log cabins in America.

Another feature celebrating the Tercentennary was the issuance of special postage stamps by the U.S., Finland and Sweden. Sweden also issued postcards and used two special postmarks commemorating the event. They are all probably rare items today.

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Soldiers, tourists and businessmen have been bringing foreign coins to this country in appreciable quantities since 1880. Perhaps millions of these aluminum, copper, nickel and silver coins are still around in little handfuls, a nostalgic reminder of service in World Wars I or II, a business trip to Europe or a guided trip to the Holy Land. And don't forget those thousands of petroleum workers in South America who brought home the attractive silver bolivars of Venezuela and the centavos of Colombia or Brazil.

Coins of every country and period frequently are tucked away around the house and many are old enough to have become collectors' items of a sort, few could even be called valuable at several times face value. The World War I soldier who, in 1919, came home with a little sackful of French coins didn't have much at the time, yet all of the nice silver pieces dated from 1900 to 1920 now have at least a nominal premium value. Possibly the long and profitable wait reflects the increased demand for silver and the much larger number of coin collectors. Age has a little to do with it, too, but metallic content is always a prime consideration.

The World War II soldier also came home with a little sackful of European coins, but his souvenir pieces have been slow to show an increase in demand among collectors. French coins were seriously debased from 1920 until 1946, while the English coppers of various sizes were plentifully struck after 1920. Naturally the thoughtful servicemen who picked up a gold piece now and then are glad they did. They have really paid off.

Owners of quantities of ordinary foreign coins issued since 1920 should not get unduly excited over their holdings. A few may have a premium value but most would merely pass at face value in the country of origin. This is especially true of aluminum, copper and cupro-nickel coins issued in larger quantities.

Experienced collectors mull around coin shops in an effort to find scarce foreign items, just as book collectors browse here and there for an expensive edition of some kind. Most of the time such efforts don't pay off. A silver coin has become a real oddity among the average packets of foreign numismatic material, but many of the unpicked groups occasionally coming to light in private hands will carry a number of French, English, German and Latin American silver issues. Soldiers in World War I were particularly fond of the better metals in French and German coins.

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BILL AIMED AT COPIERS

The U.S. House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved a hobby protection bill. It provides for conspicuous marking of restrikes, reproductions and copies of coins, medals, tokens, paper money and political items, in a manner that would identify them for what they are—recent limitations of the penalty items. The bill requires the word "COPY" to be stamped on reproduc-

tions of all numismatic and kindred items, a provision that should prevent the sale of restrikes to unsuspecting collectors.

Copies and reproductions of valuable coins and medals have appeared for more than a century, and many of the restrikes are so old and doubtful that they are held in various collections as originals. More recently, fake reproductions and counterfeits have shown up that were unmarked as such. In some cases the copies were very well executed.

Ordinary copies and reproductions now under consideration are quasi-counterfeits, usually of lesser value than true counterfeits. However, many of the reproductions are slyly meant to fool buyers and especially so when unmarked as mere copies having only trinket value. Counterfeit coins and medals have never been marked for obvious reasons, since they were fraudulent attempts to cheat purchasers on a grand scale.

Colonial coinage of this country has been extensively restruck, frequently from original, discarded dies found long after their authorized use. Still some could have been struck as counterfeits or copies during the actual 1652-1790 Colonial coinage period, making them as old as their genuine counterparts. Metal in general was scarce and private concerns coined for circulation what could have been tokens.

Confederate currency has been widely copied by firms offering these old bills as souvenirs and premiums of a sort in cereals and other merchandise. Most of the facsimilies have been marked as such but usually in very fine print. Political campaign items—buttons, pins and badges—have been reproduced and sold as originals. Vendors offering such trivia feel safer when dabbling with keepsakes than with coins and official issues of our government. Still they should not be considered as timid.

Electrotypes and cast specimens of rarities were struck from 30 to 150 years ago by collectors who could not find or afford genuine copies. Some of these could have been reproduced in good faith, yet they have served chiefly to deceive modern collectors who acquire them as genuine at exhorbitant prices.

The new law is intended to stop reproduction of any type of numismatic material without proper marking. It is believed that the Senate will pass the bill in due time. Much of the fake material seen in the past doubtless will dry up, since disposition of the inventory of unmarked copies will be a very hazardous undertaking. New collectors will not need a magnifying glass to determine reproductions they may encounter.

Lafayette Coin Club Meets

The November meeting of the Lafayette, La., Coin Club was held at Girard Park Recreation Center. The club is one of a few outside of Texas to become TNA Chapters.

A report was given on the annual coin show and officers were to be elected in December.

Foster Nash of Opelousas gave a talk on Pillar dollars.

The initials of the engraver, Victor D. Brenner, of the Lincoln cent, appear prominently on some of the 1909 cents. It is a little known fact that Lincoln cents dated later than 1918 also have the same initials on Lincoln's shoulder.

(EDITOR'S NOTE — This is a continuing series of "MY MOST INTERESTING COIN." We invite you to write and tell us of your little treasure. Send all articles to the Editor, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596.)

MY MOST INTERESTING COIN

By DAVE CERVIN
Amarillo, Texas

Numismatists have it over just about all other pleasure seekers. In addition to enjoying some sort of continuous satisfaction in the daily perusal of their hobby, occasionally some unusual or rare find pops up to set the red corpuscles in motion. And then under very unusual conditions, possibly only several times in a lifetime, circumstances centering around the acquisition of a most singular coin are so remarkable that an aggravated heart beat may imperil the life of the numismatist.

This was certainly my experience once.

My field is early dated coins, which is conventionally defined as coins bearing dates before 1500. Now the numbers on these coins often differ from the numerals that we use today. For example, seven was usually shown by an upsidedown V. Four was usually represented by an X closed at the top or by a lower case "e". Five was sometimes represented by an upsidedown insideout L, which also closely resembles a modern day 7.

However, reference to Albert R. Frey's early dated coinage (Frey is the most complete writer on this subject), reveals a few sideways fours. Actually there are records of just four coins bearing this queer positioning of 4, and all are extremely rare. Would I ever get one or even see one for that matter? I patiently dug through every catalog and auction list that specialized in mediaeval coins. Actually there were very few coins dated before 1500 and simply none having a sideways four.

One day I noted a partially dated coin from Styria, Holy Roman Empire, shown as (14)87. The actual numbers were presumably 8, since the upsidedown V was conventional for seven before 1500. Not having this particular date from Styria I sent for the coin. When I opened the [illegible] I was [illegible]! There, [illegible] me straight in the [illegible] was a sideways four. Why was it misadvertised? Well, look at the picture at 9 o'clock. Note that if one knew nothing about a sideways 4 and very, very few numismatists have ever heard of such a [illegible], but did have knowledge of an upsidedown V for a 7, [illegible] a very [illegible]

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SIDEWAYS FOUR!—At 9 o'clock may be seen this very uniquely positioned four. It is a partially dated coin of Styria, struck by Frederick III (1440-1493). The date reads, (14)84 with the 4 sideways. Only four coins carry this interesting four, and this is the only partially dated. (The others show the century and do not end in four.) Needless to say, it is extremely rare.

JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

BY: DAVE CERVIN,
Amarillo, Texas

TNA Youth Chairman
ANA Texas Youth Representative

Roman coins are easy for juniors to earn. One principal way is to present a program to your own coin club. You may earn a second coin by giving the same program to any other coin club or, for that matter, to any organization. You may speak on any numismatic subject though presumably your best topic centers around your own collection.

Possibly an easier way to earn a Roman coin is to exhibit at any coin show other than one sponsored by your own club.

There are, however, other ways, and here is a good one. Write an article concerning coins and get it published in any coin publication. The rules are quite simple. The article must closely fill one page of the publication, and it must carry a January 1973 dateline or later. If the publication is newspaper in character rather than magazine style, a length of about 600 words will qualify.

Here is an important rule. When submitting a request for a Roman coin, a copy of the article, or a synopsis of the article, must be included. This is necessary so an abridgement of the author's work may be included in this column.

There are some restrictions. It cannot be a "letter-to-the-editor," even though it requires more than a page in a magazine or contains over 600 words in a newspaper. Nor can it be the write up of a club meeting or even a coin show.

Now are there any current eligibles? You had better believe it! As a starter, how about Mark Pitcock's classic study in the August Numismatist. "The Coins at the Back of the Book." Mark has tackled a subject that is very controversial and is often sidestepped by knowledgable numismatists.

Briefly Mark has tackled the subject of "psuedo-coins." A "psuedo-coin" may be defined as a coin which is struck primarily for purchase by collectors rather than for use as legal tender. On the surface this speaks rather illy of "psuedo-coins." But, as Mark points out, how about the U.S. silver proof Eisenhower dollar? They cost from three to ten times the cupro-nickel dollar, and are just not used as legal tender. Somehow they just don't appear to qualify as "psuedo-coins", so they are given another name. And if you want to know what name, well, read Mark's whole article in the August **Numismatist.**

What do Yoeman and other authorities think of "psuedo-coins"? Again, read Mark's article. He has really put together a fine piece of writing. Nor is it a story, as it is three or four thousand words long. For all this Mark will receive only one Roman coin. You can earn the same award for an article as short as 600 words.

So juniors, let's get busy and see if we can't blossom out into youthful authors. Undoubtedly others are currently eligible. Just drop me a line and give me the facts.

The half cents, large cents, Flying Eagle type cents, the two-cent pieces and the three-cent nickel carry no mint mark.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

. . . . . a peek at the past by the editor from the TNA NEWS files

Many important happenings went on in 1966 and 1967 and this month we will briefly review them.

E. E. (Sarge) White, general chairman for the 1965 Texas Numismatic Association convention, was busy with plans with the Treasure Island, La Marque and Galveston County Coin Clubs assisting. The convention was scheduled for March at the Galvez Hotel. Frank O'Sullivan wrote a two-part article on the famous "jolas" coined by a private mint in San Antonio during 1818. Bill Manewal wrote on the Franklin half dollar and Bob Medlar resumed his series on "Six Flags Over Texas."

The February issue of TNA NEWS was devoted to Mexico and articles were written by Charles S. DeGroat, Benny Nibert, Medlar, Joe B. Davis, Weldon Surber, Virgil Hancock and Bill Manewal. In a little corner tucked away showed that the Rio Grande Valley had organized two coin clubs in 1950, one in Brownsville and the other in McAllen. James Leslie Doaks, visiting from Chicago, was organizer and other information could be obtained from Al Jordan, secretary for the YMCA in McAllen. Since I was born and raised in this area, I was particularly interested and wondered if there is still anyone around who attended the meetings. The Valley now has six clubs, the first being organized in Brownsville in January 1960, followed by Hidalgo Coin Club in McAllen in 1961.

In March it was "Ship Ahoy" for TNA convention guests. All were headed for Galveston on March 25-27. By the way, the weather was the most miserable for any convention we ever attended before or since. Despite the rain and cold, a record crowd showed up for the event. A special guest was Chief John Big Tree, one of the models for the Buffalo-Indian nickel. He was kind and generous to sign autographs and blinded by flash bulbs as everyone wanted pictures of the famous man. He claimed to be 104 years old at the time, saying he could prove it because he had a large cent of 1862 given to him by his father.

Speakers for the program were Ed Rochette and Matt Rothert, and Doris Martin spoke to a group of ladies being entertained at luncheon. E. H. Brooks was awarded the Lewis Reagan Memorial award, V. J. Van Cleave, Tidwell Literary award; and the first VIP (Very Important Person) award was given to Lloyd Buss for signing up the most new members. Virgil Hancock won best in show and the Harvey Bruns Mexican award went to Helen Floerke.

There were now 13 districts and a few changes were made in governors. Vivian Ellis was assigned to District 2, Ava Setzer, District 12, Graves Rouse, District 7; and Helen Floerke was named to head the youth program. Formal plans were announced for a "Dream Home" — a permanent home and headquarters. A group had met earlier in San Antonio and toured the HemisFair Plaza seeking a suitable building to house TNA when the HemisFair was over. Later, the matter was fully discussed by the TNA Board and the final decision was to forego plans. During the first six months of 1956, articles appeared on all subjects and came from many contributors. We had Topical Collecting, some by Bill Brothers, Doris Martin, V. J.

Van Cleave, George Gillespie, Chris Johns, Weldon Surber, F. J. Jeffrey of Melksham, Wilts, England, Hirsh Schwartz, Roger Earwood, R. P. Hall and many others. The TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY was appealing for books, and also cash to get the slide set program under way.

During the year also, Louis Goodwin, first vp, moved out of the state, so Bob Bridges moved up from second vp, and Tom Bain was appointed to fill in the vacant second vp spot. Beth Geiger resigned as secretary and Dorothy Kenimer of San Angelo took her place. Col. Raymond Darrah was appointed to act as District 1 governor, Wilma Shuster, District 2, and Gilly Pfluger, District 3.

Dallas was preparing to host the 1967 TNA convention with Ed Zaremba as general chairman. New officers were Bob Bridges, president; Virgil Hancock, first VP; Bill Brothers, second VP; Dorothy Kenimer, secretary; Mac Kennady, treasurer; with governors: Col. Darrah, Wilma Shuster, Gilly Pfluger, Lyman Bartee, Roger Earwood, Chris Johns, Graves Rouse, Clarence Davis, Rudy Rice, Dewey Fields, Troy Coan, Ava Setzer and Wm. Rust Sr. However, Mrs. Kenimer later resigned and Augusta Folda was appointed to replace her.

The convention was a great one—the Reagan award went to Ruby Threlkeld; Tidwell Literary award to Benny Nibert; best in show, Clay Stubblefield, Charles Miller, the Harvey Bruns Mexican award; and Neal Floerke, best junior. The June issue, carrying convention news, also noted a bit of sadness—Virgil Hancock, first VP, announced that the TNA NEWS could be published only twice for the remainder of 1967 due to lack of finances. BUT, TNA members rallied to the need and raised nearly $2,000 selling donation chances on a colored television set which was won by Harvey Bruns. By the way, a small amount was added to the proceeds to make it an even $2,000 and placed on certificate of deposit. It remains there and has never been "dipped" into to publish the NEWS.

We continued with our publication, except for the July issue, and it was still carrying the interesting articles, officers' reports, club news, Texas events and we selected one short interesting story to cite which was sent in by Holland Wallace. The information was taken from "American Journal of Numismatics" (1884 edition) and stated that a half dollar and a pistareen of Carolus and Johanna period had been donated to the mint cabinet by a General Meigs. It had been found on Padre Island and given to Meigs in 1870 at Corpus Christi.

San Antonio was selected to host the 10th convention at the Gunter Hotel, but dates had to be set for June 17-19, 1968 due to the hotel not being available because of the HemisFair crowds. Bill Brothers stepped up to the president's chair following the resignation of Bob Bridges; and Roger Earwood was appointed to fill the vacancy of second VP. Mike Brownlee replaced Earwood as District 5 governor. AND—everyone was hurrying to get in their Life Membership applications as the fee was being raised from $50 to $100, effective January 1, 1968.

Next month, we will outline the activities of TNA for 1968 and 1969. Those years proved to be the serious growing ones. TNA was really taking shape and growing steadily and solidly. DO YOU REMEMBER?

The blank metal disc upon which a coin impression is struck is called a planchet.

NEWS ROUNDUP - ANA

By CHARLOTTE NICHOLS
Kenedy, Texas

As all know I have been appointed as TNA representative to the American Numismatic Association by TNA President Lyman Bartee. This job I accepted very humbly and with some misgivings, because to follow Norma Mather, former representative, will be a hard task. Norma really deserves a standing ovation for the wonderful reporting she has done throughout the years. She will be greatly missed at this position. However, I promise I will do the best job I can possibly do to keep TNA members informed as to matters that ANA is striving to accomplish; and in turn TNA members must keep me informed as to matters that TNA is striving to accomplish so that I might report such to ANA.

Did you know that ANA has come up with a great money-making scheme for clubs? They have and this is it: credit goes to the club whose club representative or any officer signs a new member's application for ANA membership. Clubs will receive $1.00 credit on their annual $12.00 dues per application per new member so signed. Clubs—be sure to appoint or elect an ANA representative along with your regular officers. Be sure to send his or her name to ANA, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901. Do your club a favor and start an ANA membership drive now.

Also become acquainted with the ANA representative in your area. Invite him to attend your meetings. He will be glad to help your club in any way. They are: H. R. Peppard, 1509 Westbrook, Odessa 79760, Fred Brooks, Box 3416 Station A, McAllen 78501; C. I. Babcock, Box 1964, Beaumont 77701; E. H. Brooks, 18 E. Concho, San Angelo 76901, and Lloyd Colvin, 3300 Linda Dr., Amarillo 79109.

Caesar Honored

After his death, Julius Caesar was consecrated by the Roman Senate and in the minds of the common people assumed almost the status of a god. The tendancy to deify Caesar was intensified when, during some gladiatorial games held in his memory, a brilliant comet blazed in the heavens for seven days. The awe-stricken populace of Rome believed the comet was the soul of Caesar looking down upon them from the skies.

To commemorate this event, the Emperor Augustus issued a silver denarius bearing on the reverse side a picture of a comet and the words "DIVUS JULIUS" or "The Deified Julius."

MY MOST INTERESTING COIN —
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look at the numbers would suggest a poorly struck 7.

Yes, that is what happened. The seller of the coin, one of the better known medieval numismatists in this country, was not acquainted with a sideways four. And so I gained one of these excessively rare gems when I expected only a routine though still rare, early dated coin.

The truly curious may ask the question: How did this sideways four originate? There isn't room here to discuss this thought-ful question, however the answer may be found in the July, 1973 issue of TNA News under subject of "Earliest Arabic Dated Coin."

Can anyone beat this for pure excitement? I leave the challenge to you.

MIRIAM GILMORE

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

EDITOR

Krause Publications, Inc. of Iola, Wisc., has released the second edition of the "Standard Catalog of World Coins" and if you are a collector of foreign coins, this is the catalog you should have. It contains 364 pages describing coins from 270 nations and many photos. Elsewhere in this issue is an order blank for ordering your copy. Well worth the money!

Have you ordered your TNA souvenir medal yet with your name and TNA number engraved on it? Orders are coming in nicely. They sell for $4.00 each and if you desire any other information on the medal, allow 10 cents extra for each letter or number. The obverse will carry the TNA emblem. Over 70 orders have been received and are being processed. Carlton Brush ordered one for himself to proudly announce LIFE MEMBER No. 1. Carlton also sent in his $5 for a TNA FOUNDERS' REUNION luncheon ticket. He will be one of those saying a few words about the early days as he served as the first vice president. Said he was making plans for the "Big Event" and looking forward to seeing many old friends at Houston in 1974 at the TNA convention.

Had a letter from Fred Drost, new article editor for the Journal of Organization of International Numismatists and his plans call for reprinting some of Bill Slate's articles on Topical Collecting. He asked for a copy of the TNA NEWS as he had heard of it, but had never had an opportunity to read an issue. He's reading it now in Meriden, Conn., where he lives, as it promptly went in the mail. . . Donald Higgins wrote from Houston—"Want to extend my congratulations for the good work on the TNA magazine to others you have received. I know it isn't easy to crank it out month after month." Well—no it isn't. During the nearly 11 years as editor, I had never kept track of the time spent on preparation, through the operation to the completed copy; so for the December issue, we did so just for fun. From October 21 to November 26, 80½ hours were put in with 153 pieces of outgoing mail. We failed to keep a record of incoming mail, but just for fun again, will do that some month.

AND Mark Pitcock of New Providence, N. J., junior member, wrote:

> Dear Mrs. Gilmore:
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> Enclosed is my contribution to "My Most Interesting Coin." I hope it is all right. By the way, it's a great idea for a column.
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> Of all the coin publications I receive, I enjoy the TNA NEWS

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from the

first vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Col. Charles A. Wingo
Rt. 2, Box 109
Denison, Texas 75020

Our educational forum at the 1974 TNA convention in Houston is beginning to shape up. The Organization of International Numismatists will again provide one of the speakers, and our own youth chairman, Dave Cervin, has kindly agreed to be the other speaker. Nothing specific yet on the subjects to be covered but you can bet that it will be something you won't want to miss.

I've been conducting a course on coin and stamp collecting during the last five weeks (one night each week.) It was one of 28 special courses on hobbies and similar subjects, sponsored by the Sherman Chamber of Commerce, and the Parks and Recreation Department. Their purpose was to give people an opportunity to explore new areas of interest, meet other people, and reduce boredom for those with time to spare. Based on their initial enthusiasm, I think that we will wind up with some additional coin collectors.

Everything hasn't been fun for me, though. Several weeks ago, I fell and cracked a rib and pulled a muscle. I'm getting along fine now, but it did slow me down a little.

While you're making your New Year's resolutions, be sure to include your plan to enter an exhibit in our TNA show competition. Lovely silver awards will be available again this year, and Mrs. D. M. Nichols is our exhibit chairman. You'll be hearing more on this next month, so get ready. Exhibit more in seventy-four!

UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR —

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the most. Not only is it newsy and friendly, but it brings me closer to my native state. (Mark is formerly of Texas.)

I particularly like "The Uncomfortable Chair," but tell me—what does "adios and thirty" mean? Thanks again for a fantastic publication!

Sincerely,
(Mark)

Well, Mark, since you are a former Texan, you should remember that adios is the Spanish word for good-by; and thirty, used as 30—, -30-, or = = =, means 'end of the story' — journalism term for writers. Does that get it, Mark?

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Balance on hand as of November 30, 1973	$2,444.00
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Elsewhere in the TNA NEWS you will find a page listing slide sets available for member clubs. This list will be carried periodically as space permits. Keep it handy and don't forget to order one of the sets. They are now all re-mounted and those that were not in shipping cases—that's been remedied too. John Face of Corpus Christi has them all in tip-top shape along with the brand new cases.

With this issue we will also begin listing library books available to members. Each month we will publish a different category. To start off, we will cover "General United States Coins and Misc." Some of these have been duplicated, but we will list only one.

A-1—Selections from The Numismatist (U.S. Coins) ANA, 1960.

A-6—Selections from The Numismatist (Misc.) 1960.

B-6p—Introduction to Numismatics, A Symposium, Elston Bradfield, 1962.

B-12—A Guide to Coin Investment, Dr. Robert Bilinski, 1957.

B-15—Federal Reserve System, Purposes and Functions, Board of Governors, 1954.

B-17—Coins & Collectors, Q. David Bowers, 1964.

C-12p—Coin Collecting for Fun & Profit, Editors of Coin World, 1963.

C-13p—Guide to Coins, Editors of Coin World, 1964.

C-15p—Coin Dictionary & Guide, C. C. Chamberlain & Fred Reinfeld, 1961.

G-1p—"AU" OR "BU" (Scientific Grading) Loyd B. Gettys & Edward M. Catich, 1956.

H-6—Profit March of Your Coin Investment, 1935-1971, George W. Haylings, 1964.

H-9p—U.S. Commemorative Coins & Stamps, Burton Hobson & Fred Reinfeld, 1961.

H-10—So-Called Dollars, Harold E. Hibler & Charles V. Kappen, 1963.

H-13—The Profit March on Your Buffaloes, Indians & Early Lincoln Cents, 1935-1972, Geo. W. Haylings, 1st Edition, 1964.

K-10p—Coins, Questions & Answers, The What, When, Why of U.S. Coins, Krause Publications, 1964.

L-5—Facts and Fictions About Coins, Leon Lindheim, 1st Edition, 1967.

L-7—Coins & Coin Collecting, Howard Linecar, 1971.

M-1—Coinometry, Robert V. Masters & Fred Reinfeld, 1958.

M-3p—Mormon Money, Sheridan L. McGarry, 1962, ANA.

M-5p—Cleaning Coins, Clyde Mervis (Numismatic Scrapbook Reprint.)

M-9—Coins of New Jersey, Edward Maris.

N-4p—Basic Knowledge for the Coin Collector, Ed Nence, 1961.

N-6—Treasure—How & Where to Find it, Robert I. Nesmith and John S. Potter, 1968.

N-8—The Numismatist, Vol. I, 1888-1893 Year Book, Reprinted From the Original, 1963.

P-7—Coins—Pleasures & Treasures, John Perkins, 1961.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1-3

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, annual MONEY SHOW. Rice Hotel. WRITE CLUB: Box 2963, Houston 77701

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FEBRUARY 9-10

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB of El Paso 10th annual show. Roadway Inn, Bassett Shopping Center. BOURSE: Cecil Husband, 5101 Ocotillo, El Paso 79932.

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FEBRUARY 10

BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUB, coin show. Ringgold Park Pavilion. BOURSE: Robert F. Smith 314 Jade Dr., Brownsville 78520

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FEBRUARY 16-17

AMARILLO COIN CLUB, annual show. Villa Inn

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MARCH 3

LEVELLAND COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Levelland Women's Bldg., Fair Grounds. CONTACT: D. O. Joplin, 404 College, Levelland 79336.

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MARCH 15-17

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, 3rd annual COLLECTORS' SHOW, Exposition Hall. BOURSE: Harvey A. Brun P. O. Drawer 908, Mission 78572.

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MARCH 30-31

GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, annual show, Thomas Jefferson cafeteria. BOURSE: Lloyd Buss, 1501 Brabhmon Dr., Port Arthur 77640.

APRIL 26-28

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. 16th convention, Rice Hotel, Houston. GEN. CHRMN.—Chris Jasso, Box 2963, Houston 77701

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SEPTEMBER 7-8

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, annual show, Town House Motor Hotel. WRITE CLUB: Box 87, San Angelo 76901.

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SEPTEMBER 28-29

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Stephen F. Austin Hotel. WRITE: Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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OCTOBER 5-6

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual WILDCAT SHOW, Sweetwater. WRITE: Mabel Cunningham, Box 777, Sweetwater 79556.

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NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1

PASADENA COIN CLUB, 14th annual Show, 500 Gulfgate Mall and Highway 225.

COMMERCIAL SHOWS

FEBRUARY 1-3

McALLEN WILDCAT SHOW, Civic Center, McAllen. BOURSE: Harvey A. Brun, P. O. Drawer 908, Mission 78572 or Paul Jackson, Box 1734, McAllen 78501.

The Philadelphia mint was established in 1792 and began coinage in 1793. It is still operating. The Denver mint was established in 1906 and is also still in operation.

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TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

Everett Hall
Governor

Early badges of law displayed by a local collector highlighted the November meeting of the **Mineral Wells Coin Club**. The unusual display of badges of the southwest dates back 100 years or more. The exhibit included some from the Texas Cattle Raisers Assn after the organization was formed under a shade tree in Graham; sheriff's badges from New Mexico, California; guard and detective badges for the Denver & Rio Grande railway; Arizona Indian Territory police badge, and a $3.00 brass button the size of a dollar from the Gem Saloon and Way Station in Tombstone, Ariz. All of the badges were made of copper.—**Hellen Rust, Reporter.**

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A discussion on silver dollars was held at the Novemher meeting of the **Graham Stamp and Coin Club**. The discussion centered on the prices of the Carson City dollars being offered for sale by the General Service Administration.

Also on the program was the showing of a slide set furnished by the **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** on types of U.S. postage and fractional currency. G. S. Davison and W. L. Scott were in charge. Descriptions of each were given as to signatures, numbers and names of each person pictured on the currency.—**Hellen Rust, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT FOUR:

Keith Johnson
Governor

"The Coins and Castle of Maximilian" — a slide set from the **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** — was shown at the November meeting of the **Waco Coin Club** held at the Texas Power & Light Center. Twenty-six attended.

New officers were elected and include Frank Hatten, president; Jim Neill, vice president; J. P. Jones, secretary-treasurer; and Gerald Jones, auctioneer.—**J. P. Jones, Sec.**

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The **Temple Coin Club** entertained the Texas Numismatic Assn's annual "Coin Rally" for District 4 on November 4 in the Texas Room of the Texas Bank & Trust. Forty-six guests attended from Austin, Killeen, Waco, Elgin, San Marcos, Pasadena, Chilton, Belton, Cameron, Calvert, Fort Hood and Temple.

Featured speakers were Lyman Bartee, TNA president, and Keith Johnson, District 4 governor. There were exhibits including coins, currency, jewelry, medals, gold and a complete set of sterling silver plates from the Franklin Mint, the oldest one now being valued at $900. Special prizes went to Mrs. J. Grimm, John Hill and J. P. Jones. Marvin

Fenn and Leslie Wooley, both past presidents of the Temple club, conducted an auction.—**Mary Talatuse, Sec. and John Hill, Reporter.**

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Twenty-two members and guests of the **Austin Coin Club** enjoyed a slide set on State Bank Note engravings provided by the TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY at the November meeting

The nominating committee for new officers made a report and listed Bob Fitzgerald, president, Joe Dianovich, vice president; Lyman Bartee, secretary-treasurer; Keith Johnson, curator; and Mrs. E. T Morrison, Joe Scott and Ray Kirkpatrick, directors.

A social was planned for December at Wyatt's Cafeteria.—**Lyman Bartee, Sec.**

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DISTRICT FIVE:

C. C. Andrews
Governor

The **Dallas Coin Club** distributed ANA certificates of award for participation in National Coin Week, 1973, at the November meeting held at the Baker Hotel The club combined the observance of the Dallas Downtown Spring Festival and NCW by exhibiting at the National Bank of Commerce.

Members receiving awards were George F Johnson, Col. Chas. A Wingo, Frances O Landon James Kleiner, Thomas C Bain, T Homer Brooks and LCdr C C Andrews

The report of the nominating committee was accepted by acclamation 1974 officers will be George F Johnson president F F Boone vice president and C C Andrews secretary-treasurer

Robert L. Hewgley Jr presented an original program entitled "Currency of Texas Capitols." The program covered currency issued at various locations of the Texas Provisional Government, the Government of Texas and the Republic of Texas. Hewgley announced plans to contribute this program to TNA.—**LCdr, C. C. Andrews, Sec.**

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The 113th meeting of **Numismatics International** of Dallas was held in November at Republic Savings & Loan Assn building. Jack E. Lewis spoke on "British Token Coinage of the Napoleonic Wars."

Featured in the monthly bulletin were stories by Gregory G. Brunk on a "Catalogue of Georgian Countermarks;" Walter Leonard, "The Coinage of Nero;" and William D. Holberton, "The Three Tugras of Mustafa III."—**Club Bulletin.**

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Exhibit winners at the coin show hosted in November by the **Texomaland Coin and Stamp Club** included LCdr C C Andrews, Lowell Thompson, Frances Landon, George Johnson and Col. Chas. A. Wingo. The show was held at the Silver Wings Club at Grayson County Junior College in Denison

Prizes were won by Dick Walker, Gary Park and Ralph Douglas Jess Malvern was in charge of the snack bar. Committees were composed of Col. Wingo, James Cole, Henry Ditto, Lowell Thompson and Lynn Mathis and appreciation was extended to each for assisting in making the show a success.—**John K. Megginson, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

Final plans were made for the club Christmas party for members and their families of the Galveston County Coin Club of Texas City at

the November meeting held at Nessler Center. Arrangements include a bam supper followed by a gitt exchange and entertainment.

Carl Nessler Jr. gave the program and conducted a quiz from the "Red Book." Special awards were presented to Claude Ressler, Mrs. I. K. Richardson and Chff Moorehead.—**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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Virgil Hancock spoke on counterfeits and ANACS's fight against them at the November meeting of the **Greater Houston Coin Club Inc.** held at Southwestern Savings. Hancock also explained why one should send coins to the ANACS for authentication.

Members voted on an amendment to the club's Constitution which changed the length of officers' terms from March to March rather than January to January to eliminate confusion on changing presidents just before the annual coin shows.—**Colin Tuttle, Dist. 6 Jr. Gov.**

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On November 1 the program for the **La Marque Coin Club** was given by J. C. Akey on grading coins. Each member graded change in their possession and discussed information from the book "Guide to Grading Coins" by Brown & Dunn.

At the November 15 meeting, Hugh Threlkeld talked on Mexican coinage. On display were his coins from Mexico.

The annual Christmas party was planned for December 20 and special guests were to be Marvin Currie, District 6 governor, and Mrs. Currie. Party plans were in charge of Eleanor Lehmann, Flora McGeebon, Opal Akey, Marguerite Mitchell and Ruby Threlkeld. Prizes went to Mrs. Threlkeld.—**Ruby Threlkeld, Reporter.**

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Members of the **Bellaire Coin Club** viewed a G.S.A. sound film "900 Fine," a documentary of the Carson City silver dollars, with a background of Nevada silver discovery and mining detail.

Thirty members were present for the meeting held at 5801-A Bellaire Blvd.—**A. J. Lanier, Sec.**

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

"The Unlucky Head of Franz Joseph" was the topic selected by Lee Grossman for discussion at the November 14 meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. On November 27, Michael Minihan, the Branch Economist of the San Antonio Federal Reserve Branch Bank was to speak. His scheduled speech for October had to be cancelled.

It was reported that several books had been donated to Public Library. Members asked that the monthly auction be held at the first meeting of the month.

The bulletin cited an article by Courtney L. Coffing on Nicolaus Copernicus, whose birth in 1473 is commemorated by the U.S. with a postage stamp. A number of countries have issued coins to commemorate this 500th anniversary of Copernicus, one of the most interesting in design being the German five mark.—**Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT EIGHT:

A Christmas party was being planned for members and guests of the **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi at the Chung Mei Restaurant on December 14. Each was asked to bring a gift for exchange.

John C. Face
Governor

At the November 20 meeting a review was held of some "Numismatic

Scrapbook" copies from the 1940 era. At a previous meeting, Cal Lorfing gave a program on the "Trends Blue Chip" coins from 1947 to 1973 taken from the "Red Book." It was reported that the club purchased $60 worth of books to be donated to the LaRetama Library —**Club Bulletin.**

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Nine members and two guests were present for the October 30 meeting of the Corpus Christi Coin Club. C. H. Roberts read a letter from Dave Cervin requesting information on the program progress with the children's hospital. The program is being worked out and details will be announced.

The program consisted of a **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** slide set on Canadian commemorative coins. The program was narrated by Martin Rittenhouse. At the November 13 meeting another slide set was shown —"Coins of Uruguay 1840-Present" by W. B. Slate.

On October 16, John C. Face, District 8 governor, made an official visit to the **Liberty Coin Club** in Corpus Christi and announced plans to host a district meeting during the Liberty club show on October 22. Lyman Bartee, TNA president, was present along with representatives from the Liberty, Corpus Christi and Beeville clubs. Also present were Joe B. Davis, first TNA president; and one of the most active junior TNA members, Robert M. Barnes Jr. Robert was nine years old in August. President Bartee spoke on numismatics in general, where TNA stood and mentioned that there are still more ANA members in Texas than there are TNA members. He also mentioned that there is more reading in the **TNA NEWS** right now than there is in The Numismatist —**John C. Face, Dist. 8 Gov.**

DISTRICT NINE:

D. O. Joplin
Governor

Exhibit winners at the **Lamb County Coin Club** show held in November at Littlefield were announced and included D. O. Joplin, David Joplin and Alton Logsdon. Seventeen dealers were present from Texas and New Mexico. Approximately 200 guests registered.

Thirteen attended the November regular meeting held at the Reddy Room. D. O. Joplin asked for nominations for the Lewis Reagan Memorial award given annually by TNA and a discussion was held on entering the Club Salute award contest.—**D. O. Joplin, Dist. 9 Gov.**

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Max Steger gave a progress report on the December coin show set for December 8-9 at Johnson House Motel and sponsored by the **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. Carl Roberts and Don Henderson were presented TNA achievement awards.

Henderson presented a program on U.S. pattern coins and also showed some specimens. Roberts talked on type coins —**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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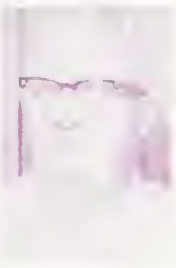
Arrangements were completed for the annual Christmas party for members of the **Levelland Coin Club** at the November meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce with seven present. The party will be held at the Spot Restaurant.

Following the meeting the group adjourned to the above named restaurant for a round table discussion of coins and there is a "round table" there!—**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

DISTRICT TEN:



Phil Shutt
Governor

The November 1 meeting of the **El Paso International Coin Club** was devoted to the buying, selling and trading of numismatic material. Meetings were held at Sambo's Restaurant but will resume in January to the regular meeting place. Those meetings were also devoted to trading sessions and auction.

Three of the club members received recognition in an article in a recent issue of **Coin World** written by Col C. L. Hilsabeck. He reviewed the booklet "Un Peso of the Bank of Mexico, 1935-1970" by Ed Shlicker, Samuel M. Paonessa and William L. Spencer. All are members of the club. The booklet is a comprehensive study and pricing guide for the one peso note of Mexico, depicting the Aztec Calendar. A copy was recently donated to the **TNA MEMORIAL LIBRARY** by the authors.—**Phil Shutt, Gov. Dist. 10.**

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

W. C. Williams
Governor

Officers for 1974 were nominated for the **Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club** and are: Logan Essex, president; Capt. Eugene Gonzales, vice president; Roger Paulk, secretary; M. L. Goolsby, treasurer. Also Mrs. Woody Taylor and Polly Horn, hostesses; Mrs. G. M. Howard, publicity; Rev. E. S. Poore, APS representative; Goolsby, TPS representative; Paulk, ANA representative; and Mrs. Howard, TNA representative.

Roger Paulk had charge of the program for the November meeting and spoke on the three-legged Buffalo nickel as a mint error and gave several characteristics different from the regular Buffalo series.

The meeting was held at the YMCA and an auction was held.—**Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.**

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DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

L. G. Davenport
Governor

February 10 is the date set by the **Brownsville Coin Club** for a coin show to be held at Ringgold Park Pavillion. Bourse chairman is Robert F. Smith, 314 Jade Dr., Brownsville 78520.

The November meeting with 14 present was held at the First National Bank and President Oneta Grisham appointed Roy Bennett, R. V. Cole and Walter Martin as a nominating committee to select 1974 officers.—**Oneta Grisham, Pres.**

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The **Port Isabel Coin Club** played host to TNA President Lyman Bartee and Mrs. Bartee at a luncheon held at the Sea Island Motor Hotel on South Padre Island followed by an official district meeting at the Merchant's Marine State Bank. L. G. Davenport, District 14 governor, was in charge.

The meeting was held on November 11.—**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**

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Leland Moore was elected to serve as president of the **Harlingen Coin Club** for 1974 assisted by H. W. Prescott, vice president; Oneta Grisham, secretary; George McCall, treasurer; and Carl Steger, sergeant-at-arms.

The election took place at the December 3 meeting held at the First National Bank with 34 present.

Prizes went to Mrs. R. C. Dedmon and Don Pruitt.—**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**

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Virginia Armstrong presented a program on silver bars for members of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** in December at Chisum's Rock & Hobby Shop in Pharr. She read articles on the collecting and investing of the bars.

Plans were made for the annual anniversary party to be held in January. The club was organized in January, 1961.—**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

Jerry Williams
Governor

Bernard Brady spoke to members of the **Beaumont Coin Club** recently on Texas money and had a display of paper money.

At the November meeting, held at First Security National Bank, an auction was held with T. G. Brown, Jimmie Ellis and Neal Phelan in charge.—**Club Bulletin.**

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Richard Krummel gave a program on the silver market noting silver coins and bars at the November meeting of the **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** held at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit.

At the October meeting, C. L. Babcock spoke on gold and Brady gave some interesting numismatic facts.

Plans were also discussed for the annual coin show to be held on March 30-31 at the Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria. Lloyd Buss was appointed to serve as bourse chairman.—**Club Bulletin.**

FROM THE LIBRARIAN —
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P-8p—Texas' Last Frontier, Frank C. Pierce, 1917.

R-10—Standard Catalogue of U.S. Coins From 1616 to Present Day, O. E. Raymond, 18th Edition, 1957.

S-8—America's Foreign Coins, Oscar G. Schilke & Raphael E. Solomon, 1964.

S-19p—Major Variety-Oddity Guide of U.S. Coins, F. G. Spadone, 4th Edition.

S-21p—Treasure Tempest in Texas, Jerry Sadler.

S-23—Animals, Birds & Fishes on Coins, Gunter Schon, 1971.

T-5—Counterfeit, Mis-Struck & Unofficial U.S. Coins, Don Taxay, 1963.

T-7—The U.S. Mint & Coinage, Don Taxay, 1966.

U-6p—Our American Coins, U.S. Treasury Dept.

Y-1—Handbook of U.S. Type Coins, Regular Issues, Copper, Nickel, Silver, R. S. Yeoman, 1913, 1948.

In addition to the above, we also have different years of the "Blue Book" and the "Red Book." They are too numerous to list and most collectors have these basic books.

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OIN Takes Bow With New Law

The one most important step ever taken in the coin collector's behalf, anywhere in the world occurred the last week in November.

"A bill to require that reproductions of coins and political items be marked as copies or with the date of manufacture" is the official title of the bill commonly called the Hobby Protection Act which passed the U.S. House of Representatives by 382 to 7, then passed the Senate unanimously, and finally was signed into law by the President. The law became effective immediately.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) now is empowered to enforce the law, which requires the word "COPY" to be marked "plainly and permanently" into one surface of any reproduction or copy of any coin ever minted in any country in any era.

The new law permits anyone who will have been sold an unmarked copy or fake to file a cross-action suit and obtain injunctive relief.

The passage of the Hobby Protection Act is a feather in the cap of the Organization of International Numismatists (OIN) which first sought the help of the FTC seven years ago. Subsequent efforts to obtain federal legislation had died in House committees.

In March 1973 Houston's Congressman Bob Eckhardt, having been made aware by OIN of the growing flood of faked collectors' coins, drafted the strongest bill on the subject yet introduced, and it promptly passed the House. Next, Senator Vance Hartke sponsored the Eckhardt bill in the Senate, with Senators Barry Goldwater, Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern, Adlai Stevenson III and Robert Taft Jr., as co-sponsors.

The new law applies to imported replicas as well as to those manufactured in this country. For that reason it is suggested that collectors don't try to bring in from Mexico any of the many reproductions or fakes which have been offered south of the border.

OIN's next target will be the Canadian Parliament and, one country after another, until such a Hobby Protection Act will have become law around the world.—By Virgil Hancock.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE—As space permits, the TNA NEWS will print letters of club activities entered in the 1972 CLUB SALUTE award. This is in hopes of directing other clubs in submitting their reports for the 1973 contest.)

Salute To La Marque And Greater Houston Clubs! . . . Entrants in 1972 Contest

This is the last of the entrants in the 1972 CLUB SALUTE AWARD contest and we salute the La Marque Coin Club and the Greater Houston Coin Club.

The La Marque club has 15 members and meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays at Guaranty Federal Club rooms. Programs have included talks on U.S. and foreign coins, currency, other hobbies, special auctions and sales, game nights and swap sessions.

Members donate to the city fund for Christmas lights, Boys' Club and storm victims. Cards are sent to all ill members, flowers sent, books donated to the local library and cards sent to families who have lost loved ones.

Ruby Threlkeld, longtime secretary-treasurer, was honored with Life Membership No. 1 and given an engraved trophy in appreciation for the many things done for the club. All members giving programs are rewarded with TNA and ANA educational certificates. Activities to add interest are selling wooden nickels to advertise the club and add funds to the treasury, and bandi-note stationery for the annual club picnic, Christmas party, door prizes and covered dish suppers.—**Submitted by Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

Varied programs for the Greater Houston club have included a film on "Art and Minting" by the Franklin Mint; TNA slide set on commemorative coins; and exhibits of U.S. Turban half dollars and the Referendum dollar. A Christmas party is held and some meetings are devoted to games with prizes of silver dollars and bars and books.

Members are urged to enter "Mini-Exhibits" at each business meeting and have featured odd and curious money, Moon medal and other coins and other numismatic items. The club exhibited jointly with the Houston Stamp Club at the Houston Lighting & Power Co. building and displays were placed in a local library branch during National Coin Week.

The club also compiled an exhibit tracing the history of Texas through its coinage from the 1519 Spanish eight reales to the 1972 Ike dollar. The exhibit consists of 10 cases depicting 10 different eras or influences using coins, prose and artists' sketches. The exhibit was donated to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, is named "Coins and Currency of Texas History" and placed there as the A. I. MARTIN MEMORIAL EXHIBIT.

Other activities were the annual Money show and naming honors given to GHCC members. The monthly Newsletter announces the meeting and program; each meeting allows members to enter coins at auction without the usual fee; and a cash door prize of $2.50 is awarded each time. If the member whose name is drawn is not present, the next month's prize is increased by $2.50; and at the December meeting the drawing continues until the prize is won.—**Submitted by Chris Jasso, Sec.**

A coin is an engraved piece of metal designed and manufactured for use as money.

WHEN & WHERE?

Traveling numismatists are sometimes seeking coin clubs to visit and the TNA News is endeavoring to supply such information. If your club welcomes visitors — let us know when and where your meetings are held. A new listing will be given each month. Send us the information — this is a service to your club and your members.

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Hawaii Half Dollar

The Hawaii, or Capt. Cook half dollar of 1928 was struck to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Capt. James Cook, R.N., in 1778, and for the purpose of aiding in establishing a Captain James Cook memorial collection in the archives of the territory of Hawaii.

"The coins authorized shall be issued only upon the request of the Cook Sesqui-Centennial Commission of Hawaii" who had charge of their distribution. They set a price of $2.00 each on these souvenirs which were sold to the public by the Bank of Hawaii, Ltd., Honolulu, Hawaii. The designs were drawn by Miss Juliette May Frazer, the wellknown Honolulu artist.

The obverse has a profile bust of Capt. Cook facing left. The reverse shows an Hawaiian warrior chief in full regalia, gaining the summit of a hill. This represents Hawaii arising from obscurity. The chief holds out his right hand in welcome. Behind him is a cocoanut tree, denoting romance. In the distance is an Hawaiian village of grass huts, nestled along Waikiki Beach at the foot of Diamond Hill, denoting history and antiquity.

The celebration was held in August and on September 8, 1928 the Bank of Hawaii, Ltd. sold the last of these coins, and it is stated "they were well distributed."

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Congress, in authorizing these half dollars, specified that they "are to be of the same weight, fineness and legal tender quality as the current half dollars, and the United States government will not be put to any expense for making the dies or other preparations for their coinage. The designs are to be fixed by the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

OBVERSE: Bust of Lincoln; surrounding, "Centennial of the State of Illinois;" below, "1918;" in field behind head, "In God We Trust"; in front, "Liberty."

REVERSE: Eagle with upraised wings, standing partly on a rock and partly on the Shield of the U.S.; in the beak of the eagle is a ribbon with the state's motto, "State Sovereignty, National Union," in the field, a rising sun and "E Pluribus Unum"; near edge, "United States of America", below, "Half Dollar."

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